

Honorable Gregory Murphy was elected Representative to Congress for the Third Congressional District, State of North Carolina. **Pages H7742, H7747**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlemen from North Carolina, the whole number of the House is 435.

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Permitting States to transfer certain funds from the clean water revolving fund of a State to the drinking water revolving fund of the State in certain circumstances: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 1689, to permit States to transfer certain funds from the clean water revolving fund of a State to the drinking water revolving fund of the State in certain circumstances.

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Alaska Remote Generator Reliability and Protection Act: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 163, to prevent catastrophic failure or shutdown of remote diesel power engines due to emission control devices.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2019: H.R. 4285, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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Health Information Technology Advisory Committee—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part of the House to the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Dr. Jim Jirjis of Nashville, Tennessee.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of his intent to enter into a trade agreement regarding tariff barriers with Japan—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–63).

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Senate Referral: S. Con. Res. 25 was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H7719.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7741–42 and H7743–44. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PRESIDENTIAL OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE AND ABUSE OF POWER

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Presidential Obstruction of Justice and Abuse of Power”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FORCED ARBITRATION INJUSTICE REPEAL ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1423, the “Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 6–3, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1423, the “Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act”. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–32, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule waives the requirement of clause 6(a) of Rule XIII, for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of September 20, 2019, relating to a measure making or continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020. Finally, the rule provides that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of September 19, 2019, or September 20, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or her

designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cicilline and Armstrong.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on releasing certain executive session material. A motion to release certain executive session material passed, without amendment.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine mass violence, extremism, and digital responsibility, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine improving American economic competitiveness through water resources infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States policy in the Indo-Pacific region, focusing on Hong Kong, alliances and partnerships, and other issues, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Andrew P. Bremberg, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, John Leslie Carwile, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Anthony F. Godfrey, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, Doug Manchester, of California, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Erin Elizabeth McKee, of California, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Herro Mustafa, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, and Adrian Zuckerman, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Romania, all of the Department of State, routine lists in the Foreign Service, and other pending calendar business, 1:30 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine United States-Colombia relations, focusing on new opportunities to reinforce and strengthen the bilateral relationship, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Government Accountability Office report on tribal access to spectrum, focusing on promoting communications services in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Oversight Hearing: Mental Health Needs of Children in HHS Custody", 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Shattered Families, Shattered Service: Taking Military Domestic Violence Out of the Shadows", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4334, the "Dignity in Aging Act of 2019"; and H.R. 4301, the "School Shooting Safety and Preparedness Act", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled "Building a 100 Percent Clean Economy: Pathways to Net Zero Industrial Emissions", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 123, the "FHA Additional Credit Pilot Program Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 132, the "North America Development Bank Improvement Act of 2019"; H.R. 4029, the "Tribal Eligibility for Homeless Assistance Grants Act of 2019"; H.R. 4067, the "Financial Inclusion in Banking Act of 2019"; H.R. 4242, the "Greater Accountability in Pay Act of 2019"; H.R. 4300, the "Fostering Stable Housing Opportunities Act of 2019"; H.R. 4302, the "Facilitating Access to Homeless Assistance Act of 2019"; H.R. 4328, the "Protecting Innocent Consumers Affected by a Shutdown Act"; H.R. 4329, the "ESG Disclosure Simplification Act of 2019"; legislation to amend the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 to allow for the SEC to seek and Federal courts to grant restitution to investors and disgorgement of unjust enrichment; legislation on the 8-K Trading Gap Act of 2019; and legislation on the Corporate Management Accountability Act of 2019, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment; and Full Committee of the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, joint hearing entitled "Voices Leading the Next Generation on the Global Climate Crisis", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled "U.S. Interests in East Asia and the Pacific and the FY20 Budget", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and International Terrorism; and the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism of the House Committee on Homeland Security, hearing entitled "Meeting the Challenge of White Nationalist Terrorism at Home and Abroad", 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Smithsonian Institution", 9 a.m., 1310 Longworth.